

# Interesting facts about cockroaches

## Did you know?

- It is true that a cockroach can live for up to a week without its head. Roaches have an open circulatory system and breathe through tiny holes located in each body part, so having a head isn't vital to their survival. But roaches do need water. Without a head and mouth, the insect cannot drink and eventually dies of dehydration.
- Cockroaches can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes, allowing them to survive submersion in flood waters for half an hour.
- These insects can achieve speeds up to 3 miles per hour which means they can cover a lot of ground in an hour, quickly spreading germs and bacteria.
- The largest roach in the world is a 6-inch long South American species. A common cockroach in our area is the 1/2-inch long German cockroach. The 1-inch long Oriental cockroach is primarily a sewer dweller that may invade basements in winter. At 2 inches long, the American cockroach is the largest roach species in New Jersey and a prominent restaurant pest.

- See more at: <http://www.allisonpest.com/blog/2014/02/21/interesting-facts-about-cockroaches/#sthash.fPSwnpHG.dpuf>